Hurricane Harvey Response 2017 and

Community Liaison (CL) Report

TO: Alpha Team Leader

FROM: CL Team: Rebecca Wenner, Dorelle Harrison

SUBJECT: Summary of Activities by the Team on September 25, 2017

COUNTY: Nueces and Aransas Counties, Texas

DATE: 09/23/2017

Nueces County

 Spent a lot of the day at the D-SNAP application headquarters for Corpus Christi trying to gain permission to distribute information, or to leave information. Permission was denied, so we moved on to Aransas County (Rockport).

Aransas County

- In Rockport we looked for the food distribution location at the Fairgrounds (Sea Fair), called Coastal Bend Food Bank. We found their location, but they had already distributed all of the food and closed up for the day. We contacted them by telephone and were told to call back tomorrow, they will probably hold another distribution at the same location on Wednesday.
- At the same location, we found the Cajun Commissary Network, an all female organization of volunteers located throughout the country that provide whatever help is necessary, generally hot meals, to volunteers, responders, and those in need. They are an organized volunteer network to respond to the most immediate needs. Social Media is their main way to disperse information. They have been in Texas for 25 days, and they have been in Rockport for 2 weeks. They plan to continue in Rockport for the foreseeable future. They were originally located at the old HEB location, which is where FEMA is currently located, but they were moved here and are expecting a larger tent to be provided by FEMA. They have been serving about 2000 meals per day. They gave us the okay to distribute EPA resources and flyers at their feeding times.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:

There were a lot of groups wanting the mold cleanup brochure, so someone needs to return to the following next week: Rockport DRC – FEMA, HEB Helping, Red Cross

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COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

See notes above.